

## Amendments to the Specification

**Page 8, line 8-19.** Amend the paragraph spanning these lines as follows:

Simply stated, the RFCD waits for and listens to RFC requests on a dedicated port 22, step 405. When it receives a request, step 410, it copies the data from the port to a shared memory block and delegates the request to a free RFCC to execute. This is done with step 415, reading the traffic data of the request, i.e., in particular the target location, followed by step 420 where the connection configuration file 34 is confirmatorily checked. The delegation of the request is then done by checking, decision 430, if one or more suited connections are already open to the concerned target application. If no, a respective connection is created and used thereafter, step 435. If yes, however, the best connection is selected for the processing of the current request, step 440. Then the dispatcher 24 waits for the next request, i.e., it is branched back to step 405, while the control is delivered to the respective elected connector process for the request to be processed, step 445. Thus, concurrent processes are maintained: the dispatcher process and the plurality of connector processes.